

Application No.: 10/725,601
Examiner: Lewis, K. C.
Art Unit: 3772

REMARKS

Prompt and favorable allowance of the pending claims in the application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars.

In the amendment to the claims, claim 26 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 26 was the only pending which was rejected in the outstanding Office action.

It is respectfully submitted that no new issues requiring further detailed consideration or search have been presented by the proposed amendments and that entry of the claim amendments is appropriate under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Entry of the amendment at least for purposes of appeal is respectfully requested in view of the fact that they present rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal (37 C.F.R. 1.116).

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-10, 12, 15, 19 and 20 are allowed.

As a result of the cancellation of claim 26, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the present application be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicant's attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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